

# Indiana State Board of Education



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Robert Kovach, Mishawaka

Suellen Reed, Ed.D., Chair  
Susan Brace, Fort Wayne  
Connie Blacketter, Rensselaer  
Robert Lazard, Indianapolis  
Daniel Tanoos, Terre Haute

Darvin Stilwell, Boonville  
J. Gordon Pendleton, Corydon  
Randle Pollard, Indianapolis

## MINUTES

### INDIANA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 8, 2003  
Department of Education  
James Whitcomb Riley Conference Room  
151 West Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana

#### **I. Call to Order**

The business meeting of the Indiana State Board of Education was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Board members Dr. Suellen Reed, Daniel Tanoos, Robert Lazard, Susan Brace, J. Gordon Pendleton, Sandra Kirts Cantrell, Robert Kovach, Connie J. Blacketter, Randle Pollard, and Dr. David Dickson were present. Board member Darvin Stilwell was not present.

#### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **III. Approval of the Minutes**

Mr. Tanoos moved for approval of the minutes. Mr. Pollard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **IV. Statement of the Chair**

Dr. Reed said schools will be out soon and urged everyone to be aware and drive safely. Dr. Reed also discussed the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and said the Department of Education has submitted to the United States Department of Education our Unsafe School Choice Option Policy and our May 1, 2003, Consolidated State Plan Submission.

**V. Presentation of Community School Concept** S George Washington Community School, Indianapolis Public School.

Jeffery P. Zaring, State Board of Education Administrator, introduced Eileen Champagne, Principal, George Washington Community School. Ms. Champagne was recently honored by the MetLife Foundation Bridge Builders Initiative, which recognizes school leaders for success in creating strong ties between school faculty and the surrounding community. Ms. Champagne showed a video presentation regarding the George Washington Community School.

**VI. Adjudications/Hearings**

- A. Mary Mickelson, Director, Division of School Accreditation, presented a Freeway School Petition from Bethesda Christian Schools, Brownsburg, Indiana.

Information on the Freeway School Petition was presented by Dr. John Carver, Administrator, Bethesda Christian Schools, Brownsburg, Indiana.

Dr. Dickson moved for approval of the Freeway School Petition. Mr. Lazard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Public Comments**

**VIII. Center for Assessment, Research, and Information Technology**

**IX. Center for School Improvement and Performance**

**X. Center for Community Relations and Special Populations**

**XI. Board Operations**

- A. Mr. Zaring presented a request for balloting for the election of the 2004 National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

Mrs. Cantrell made a motion to support Mr. Lazard as a candidate for president; Kim Burnigham, Utah, for president-elect; Keith Johnson, Louisiana, for secretary-treasurer; and Paula Spring, Missouri, for central area director. Dr. Dickson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Pendleton moved for adjournment. Mrs. Brace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The business meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.